GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:245
ANSWERED ON:17.03.2008
PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the varieties of oilseeds and pulses notified by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during the last three years;

(b) whether these varieties are being grown by the farmers;

(c) if so, the total area under cultivation of these varieties, crop-wise alongwith the percentage increase in production of oilseeds and pulses;

(d) whether the amount spent by the ICAR on research is commensurate with the increase in production of these varieties in the country during the above period; and

(e) if not, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 245 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2008 REGARDING `PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS AND PULES`

(a) 138 varieties of oilseeds (64) and pulses (74) have been notified by Government of India under Seed Act 1966 during the last three years as under:-

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Oilseeds:  Groundnut  - 11;
  Soybean   - 11;
  Rapeseed & Mustard - 16;
  Sunflower  - 8;
  Safflower  - 4;
  Castor   - 1;
  Linseed   - 5;
  Sesame   - 6;
  Niger   - 2


Pulses  :  Chickpea  - 20;
  Pigeonpea  - 8;
  Urdbean   - 8;
  Mungbean  - 11;
  Fieldpea  - 9;
  Lentil   - 7;
  Rajmash   - 5;
  Horsegram  - 3;
  Guar   - 1;
  Mothbean  - 2
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(b) & (c): The seed chain of production from nucleus to breeder to foundation to certified seeds takes four years before it is available to the farmers for large scale cultivation.

(d) & (e): In the Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) conducted by the Council at farmers` fields an increase in yield ranging from 20-25% in oilseeds and 25-30% in case of pulses has been observed. It shows that these varieties and matching production and protection technologies are likely to pay dividends.